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NEWS RELEASE

Acting United States Attorney Laurie Magid today announced the filing of an indictment¹ against **Rahsaan Lahvon Ford, a/k/a “Saan,” a/k/a “Saani,”** and **Norman Michael Hawkins, Jr., a/k/a “Tute,”** charging them with conspiracy to commit armed bank robbery, armed bank robbery and aiding and abetting in the commission of an armed bank robbery, and carrying and using, and aiding and abetting the carrying and use of, a firearm during the commission of a violent felony. These offenses arise from the defendants’ participation in the December 19, 2008 armed robbery at the Sovereign Bank, located at 125 South Providence Road, Media, Pennsylvania, during which the defendants stole approximately \$78,142.

DEFENDANTS	CITY	AGE
Rahsaan Lahvon Ford, a/k/a “Saan,” a/k/a “Saani”	Philadelphia, PA	23
Norman Michael Hawkins, Jr. a/k/a “Tute”	Philadelphia, PA	19

If convicted of all charges, each defendant faces a maximum sentence of life imprisonment, including a mandatory minimum sentence of seven years imprisonment, five years supervised release, a \$750,000 fine, and a \$300 special assessment.

The case was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Media Borough Police Department, the Upper Darby Police Department, the SEPTA Police and is being

¹An indictment or information is an accusation. A defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty.

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prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorneys Anthony G. Kyriakakis and Alexander T.H. Nguyen.

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